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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1911.

THE news comes with startling suddenness
that "Russia's patience with China is
exhausted," and that she has intimated to
Great Britain, France and Japan her intention
to make a "demonstration" on the
Chinese frontier. In a telegram we publish
this morning it is stated that this demon-
stration will take the form of a re-occupa-
tion of Kuldja, which was restored to China
by the Treaty of 1879, and that Russia
further intends to enforce the provisions of
the Russo-Chinese Treaty of 1881, relating
to questions of free-trade in Mongolia, the
extra-territorial rights of Russians in China
and the establishment of a Russian Con-
sulate at Kobdo. The news, as we have
said, comes as a surprise, for even the
Chinese Press has been silent regarding
any trouble in that quarter. We do, in-
deed, note in a Northern newspaper to hand
by yesterday's mail a Peking telegram
which states that "it is reported among
the officials that since the 12th moon of last
Chinese year troops and arms have been
sent in large quantities to the Far East by
Russia. Most of the troops were landed in
the night time, and everything in connec-
tion with the matter was done very secretly.

Now, Russia declares that if China rejects
what she demands she will take energetic
action in North Manchuria. Therefore, the
members of the Grand Council have held
several conferences lately. It was
difficult to believe that China's alleged
obstructiveness in regard to plague mea-
sures in Manchuria is the justification
for the occupation of Kuldja in the
province of Sinkiang, bordering on Chinese
Turkestan; and so far as we are aware
there has been no trouble in Chinese Turke-
stan similar to that which led to Russia's
occupation of Kuldja and the valley of the
Ili in 1879. It was only after the main
part of this article had been written that
information as to the nature of the dispute
reached us from our Correspondent in
Peking. It is the old story: China is
alleged to be disregarding her Treaty
obligations, and there is the further ques-
tion of a disputed boundary. The articles in
the Livadia Treaty which our Correspondent
mentions refer to the status of Russian
Consuls in Mongolia; to various commercial
privileges and to the right of Russian
subjects to construct houses, shops, ware-
houses and other buildings on land acquired
by them by means of purchase or concession
in places where the Russian Government
has the right, conferred by the Treaty, to
establish consulates. These privileges were
conferred in the Treaty as part consideration
for the Russian evacuation of Kuldja and
the Ili Valley, and it is therefore
interesting to briefly recall the events
which led to the Russian occupation of
this territory thirty-two years ago,
and its subsequent restoration to China.
The beginning of the story dates back to
the year 1863, when a rebellion broke out
among the Mahomedans of Jungaria,
situated on the borderland of Chinese and
Russian Turkestan, the object of the rebel-
lion being to obtain freedom from Chinese
rule. A short-lived independent State was
created in Central Asia, with which the
Governments of India and of Russia
thought it worth while to open direct
negotiations. China attempted the work of
reconquest, which was no easy matter, and
when in 1870 the Chinese troops were com-
pletely worsted, and their enemy set to
work fighting among themselves, a Russian
force marched into Kuldja and occupied the
valley of the Ili. This action on the part
of Russia was formally notified to Peking,
the explanation given being that the step
had become necessary in order to restore
that order which the Chinese appeared
incapable of preserving, and which was
threatening to disturb the tribes within
Russian territory. It was announced that
the occupation would be only of a temporary
nature. By slow degrees the Chinese forces
reclaimed the lost territory, and when peace
was restored China requested Russia to
evacuate Ili. A mandarin named Chuvie
How, who had previously been on a
special mission to Europe, was sent to St.
Petersburg in 1878 in order to achieve this,
and after a series of interviews with the
Tsar he succeeded in concluding a treaty
whereby Russia surrendered the Kuldja
Valley, but retained the neighbouring Tele
territory. Mr. ALEXIS KRAUSSE in his
book "China in Decay" points out
that Russia thus continued to command
the approaches to Kashgar. CHUVIE
How, when he returned to Peking to obtain
the ratification of the Treaty, was promptly
cast into prison under sentence of death,
while China repudiated the Treaty and
began to prepare for war. In the hope of
arranging matters, Marquis Tseno was
ordered to proceed to St. Petersburg,
and General GORDON, whose influence with
the Chinese had been very great since he
had quelled the Taiping rebellion, went
first to Li HUNG CHANG and then
to the high authorities at the Capital
and threw the whole weight of his
influence on the side of peace. The
result was that CHUVIE How was
reprieved and fresh negotiations were
opened up which finally resulted in the
negotiation of the Treaty of St. Petersburg
in 1881 under which Russia consented to
give back practically all the territory in
dispute, and the Russian forces were
accordingly withdrawn from Ili the same
year. At the time of this trouble it was
commonly believed that Russia was making
the valley of Ili a stalking horse for assumed
designs on the seaboard of Korea. GORDON
was said to have advised the Chinese that
the outbreak of hostilities at Kuldja would be
followed by an invasion of Manchuria from
the Amur, and that they might therefore
expect a hostile army, within two months,
before the gates of Peking. That, however,
is a consideration which does not enter into
the question to-day. If the allegation be
true that China is disregarding her Treaty
engagements there is some show of reason-
ing for the re-occupation of territory which

was ceded in consideration of promises given
by China, but it is an international question
of some importance as to whether Russia is
at this late day justified in re-occupying
Kuldja, for has she not pledged her-
self in many international agreements to
recognise the territorial integrity of China
and engaged moreover to uphold and
defend the maintenance of the status quo?
So far as the other intentions with
which Russia is credited in Reuter's
dispatch are concerned, they appear to
be quite within the limits of the
privileges duly conferred by Treaty, but
if by "a demonstration on the Chinese
frontier" Russia intends to reoccupy
Kuldja and the valley of the Ili, we cannot
see how the Powers who subscribed to the
agreement to uphold and defend the in-
tegrity of the Chinese Empire can counte-
enance an enterprise which is in flagrant
defiance of that pledge. The latest telegram
from our Peking correspondent says that
the Chinese Government is confident that
an amicable settlement can be arranged,
and we shall probably learn later on that
this amicable settlement will be brought
about either by this demonstration that
Russia threatens, or by the moral suasion of
the Concert of Powers who are deeply
concerned to see the integrity of the Chinese
Empire preserved, and therefore may be
expected to bring their united influence to
bear upon China to honorably fulfil the
terms of her Treaties with Russia, and, if
there are any legitimate grounds of dispute,
to persuade the disputants to refer the
questions for settlement to the established
tribunal at the Hague.

Mr. Aylmer Coates, formerly Professor of
English at Macao, has started a Grammar
School at Tokyo.

At the Magistrate's yesterday Mr. Wood
sentenced a coolie to six weeks' imprisonment
and four hours' stocks for stealing four baskets
from Gilman's Bazaar.

It is reported that the Waiwapa has re-
cently written to the Portuguese Minister say-
ing that the Macao Boundary question must
be settled within the second moon.

A Chinese who stole \$9 from a house on the
Kowloon City Road was sentenced to three
months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks by
Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday.

The Chinese from Canton who was twice re-
manded on a charge of cutting the pocket of a
countryman at the racetrack and stealing about
\$3 was discharged by Mr. Wood at the Magis-
trate's yesterday.

On January 14, Ernest H. Pistorius, of
Johannesburg, S. A., was married at Hillbrow
to Gladys Murray, eldest daughter of the late
Thomas William Duff, formerly of Chikiang,
China, and Mrs. Duff, London.

The *Crescent*, cruiser, which leaves Port-
smouth on February 3 with relief crews for the
China Station, is to arrive at Hongkong on
April 1, leaving again on April 5, and returning
to Portsmouth with the relieved crews on June
23.

Mr. Wood imposed a fine of \$25 on a pro-
vision dealer at Kowloon, at the Magistrate's
yesterday, for conducting a money-changer's
business without a licence. The defendant's
excuse was that his Indian customers paid him
in rupees, which he exchanged for other
customers who required Indian money.

While a Chinese was inspecting the window of
a watchmaker's shop in Queen's Road Central
on Thursday, a boy fourteen years of age cut his
pocket with a razor and extracted \$4. The
young thief was captured before he could make
his escape, and at the Magistrate's yesterday Mr.
Wood sentenced him to one month's imprison-
ment and ten strokes of the birch.

A marriage has been arranged, and will
shortly take place, between Henry J. Des Vaux,
eldest son of the late Sir William Des Vaux,
G.C.M.G., a former governor of Hongkong,
and Lady Des Vaux, of 35, Cadogan-square,
and Dorothy (Gladys), eldest daughter of the
late "M. Turner-Farley, of Wartonby Hall,
Melton Mowbray, and Mrs. Turner-Farley,
Roshlin, Malvern.

Mr. H. Furman Hadden, dean of cartoonists
and illustrators in the Philippines, died on the
15th instant at the University Hospital, Manila,
of abscess of the liver. Death came after four
weeks' suffering in the hospital, although he had
been intermittently ill for two or three years.
Mr. Hadden was the pioneer American sketch
artist of the islands, having arrived with the
Army of Occupation to give colour for several
publications in the United States. In Septem-
ber, 1898, one month after American occupation,
he founded *The Philippine Magazine*, the first
English periodical ever published in the Philip-
pine Islands.

The Christian Union Committee is arranging
for an occasional meeting in connection with
the regular Monday meetings, at which Christian
workers will be given an opportunity to tell
of the work which they are doing in Hongkong
so that all may have not only an interest in their
own particular undertaking but also an in-
telligent interest in the work of others. The
first meeting of this nature will be conducted by
Rev. W. H. Foster-Pegg, Chaplain of the
Forces, who will tell of the work which is in his
charge. This meeting will be held at
Rutherford Hall, St. Stephen's College, on Mon-
day the 20th February at 5.30 p.m. A general
invitation is extended.

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**RUPTURE BETWEEN RUSSIA
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DEMONSTRATION AGAINST CHINA
THREATENED.

LONDON, February 17th.

Russia has communicated to Great
Britain, France, and Japan her inten-
tion to make a demonstration on the
Chinese frontier.

A message from St. Petersburg
states that the long smouldering irrita-
tion of Russia against China, which
has supposedly culminated by the
spread of plague through Chinese
obstructiveness, has ended in the
decision of Russia to take forcible ac-
tion. It is understood that Russia
will re-occupy Kuldja, which was
restored to China by the Treaty of
1879. Russia also intends to enforce
the provisions of the Russo-Chinese
Treaty of 1881 and not of 1879,
including questions of free trade in
Mongolia, extra-territorial rights of
Russians in China, and the establish-
ment of a Russian Consulate at Kobdo.
The extent of Russian action will
depend on the attitude of the Chinese.

LATER.

The text of the Russian Note to
China is now published and confirms
the provisions already telegraphed.

Russia claims the right to establish
Consulates not only at Kobdo, but also
at Hami, Guthen, Kuldsha, Tohug-
utshak, Urga, Uljasutai, Kashgar,
Urumthi and Kalgan, in all of which
places, the Note says, Russian subjects
are entitled to acquire land and erect
buildings.

In the event of China's refusal to
conform to her obligations, Russia
reserves to herself the liberty to take
such measures as she deems necessary
to secure the restoration of her rights.

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THE QUESTIONS IN DISPUTE.

PEKING, February 17th.

Russia contends that China is dis-
regarding Articles 11, 12, 13 and 14
of the Treaty of 1881, the Harbin
Agreement of 1909, and the Burin
Treaty of 1727 which accepted the
Tangula Mountains as the Russo-
Mongolian frontier.

China contends that the Siansk
Mountains is the correct boundary
and suggests that the two remaining
questions be settled during the forth-
coming revision of the Treaty.

Russia does not agree and is press-
ing for an immediate settlement.

**CHINA CONFIDENT OF AN
AMICABLE SETTLEMENT.**

PEKING, February 17th.

The Government expresses confid-
ence that an amicable settlement with
Russia can be arranged.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co's str. *Ceylon* arrived
at London on the 16th inst., afternoon.

The C.P.R. Co's str. *Empress of India*
arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on the 16th inst.,
and left again at 2 p.m. same day for Kobe,
where she is due to arrive at 4 p.m. on the 17th
inst.

The H. A. Line str. *Preussen* left Singapore
on the 17th inst., at noon, and may be expected
here on or about the 23rd inst.

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THE ALSACE-LORRAINE BILL.

LONDON, February 17th.

A Berlin telegram states that the
Government has asked the committee
of the Reichstag to suspend their
deliberations on the Alsace-Lorraine
Bill pending the Government's
decision.

BRITISH POLITICS.

ADDRESS TO THE THRONE ADOPTED.

LONDON, February 17th.

In the House of Commons on the
debate on the Address in reply to the
speech from the Throne an amendment
expressing disapproval of the principle
of Home Rule was moved, but was
rejected by 326 votes to 213.

The Address was subsequently
adopted.

OFF-DAY OF THE RACES.

This is the "Off-day" of the Race meeting.
The programme of events for this afternoon is
as under:

THE "HAY AND CORN" STAKES.—Value
\$200. For all Subscription Grifflins that
have run at this Meeting and not won a
Race. Weight for inches as per scale. To be
ridden by Jockeys who have not had more
than two winning mounts in Hongkong,
Shanghai or Tientsin. Unplaced runners
allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$5 to go to Second
Pony. Half Furlong.

THE "ALL OUT" STAKES.—Value \$200. For
China Ponies that have run at this Meeting
and not won a Race. Weight for inches as
per scale. Unplaced Ponies and *bona fide*
Grifflins on date of entry allowed 5 lb.
Subscription Grifflins of this season allowed
10 lb. Jockeys who have not had more than
two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai
or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have
never had a winning mount in Hongkong or
China allowed 7 lb. Allowance not accumu-
lative. Off-day Winner barred. Entrance
\$5 to go to Second Pony. Three quarters of
a mile.

THE "ALSO RAN" STAKES.—Value \$200.
For Subscription Grifflins of this Season that
have run at this Meeting and not been placed.
Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who
have not had more than two winning mounts
in Hongkong, Shanghai, or Tientsin allowed
5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning
mount in Hongkong or China allowed 7 lb.
Off-day Winners barred. Entrance \$5 to go
to Second Pony. One Mile.

THE ADMIRAL'S CUP.—Presented by His
Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Alfred L.
Wintles, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. (Ladies
Nomination). A Handicap for all China
Ponies that may be started at this Meeting.
Second to receive 60 per cent. and Third 40
per cent. of the Entrance Fees. Entrance \$5.
One mile and a quarter. The Donor of the
Cup has also kindly presented a Bracelet for
the Lady Nominating the Winner, no Lady
to nominate more than one Pony.

The list of entries for the Admiral's Cup is—
Auchendoon ... 13 0 11 8 Mrs. Keswick
Blackmore Valois ... 13 0 11 6 Mrs. Hickling
Discarded ... 13 0 11 4 Miss Fortane
Pet Rose ... 13 0 11 1 Mrs. Chatham
Auchendoon ... 13 0 11 0 Miss Wingrove
Rejected ... 13 0 11 0 Mrs. Landale
Lucillus Rose ... 13 0 12 Mrs. Lawlor
Highland King ... 13 0 12 Mrs. Mackie
Alority ... 13 0 12 4 Miss Lubbock
Highland Tarn ... 13 0 12 2 Mrs. Denny
Tomshaw ... 13 0 12 0 Mrs. N. J. Stabb
Kerry ... 13 0 12 0 Miss Harris
Ince ... 13 0 12 0 Mrs. Pyne
Gondollar ... 13 0 12 Mrs. H. Humphreys
Donau ... 13 0 12 Mrs. von Wiser

The "LUCKY" STAKES.—Value \$200. For all
Subscription Grifflins that have run at this
Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for
inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not
had more than two winning mounts in Hong-
kong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb.
Jockeys who have never had a winning mount
in Hongkong or China allowed 7 lb. Off-day
Winners barred. Entrance \$5 to go to Second
Pony. Seven Furlongs.

THE "LOTTERY" STAKES.—Value \$200.
For all Grifflins that have run at this Meeting
and not won a Race. Weight for inches as
per scale. Subscription Grifflins that have
run at this Meeting and been placed
second allowed 3 lb., those that have
been placed third allowed 5 lb. Unplaced
Subscription Grifflins allowed 10 lb. Jockeys
who have not had more than two winning
mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin
allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a
winning mount in Hongkong or China allowed
7 lb. Off-day Winners barred. Entrance
\$5 to go to Second Pony. Once Round.

THE "FINALE" STAKES.—Value \$200. For all
Subscription Grifflins that have run at this
Meeting and not won a Race. Weight for
inches as per scale. To be ridden by Jockeys
who have not had more than two winning
mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin.
Unplaced runners at this Meeting allowed
5 lb. Off-day Winners barred. Entrance \$5
to go to Second Pony. Five Furlongs.

THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.

During his stay in the Mirzapur jungles the
German Crown Prince secured five tigers and
two leopards, and also shot a bear and two leopards
on January 24. He will arrive in Calcutta on
March 3. Lord Hardinge of Penshurst will give
a banquet in his honour.

It is reported in the Japan papers that Sir
Claude MacDonald, British Ambassador to
Tokyo, and Lady MacDonald, will proceed to
England early in May, accompanying Prince
and Princess Higashi Fushimi, who are to
attend the Coronation of King George V. Sir
Claude and Lady MacDonald are expected to
return to Japan in August or September.

"THE FOLLIES."

A DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

No more delightful entertainment has been
presented to Hongkong audiences than that
given by "The Follies," and their stay here is
certain to prove welcome, more especially after
the long interval which has elapsed since the
Theatre has been occupied by any operatic or
dramatic companies. The excellent reputation
of this talented company has impressed Hong-
kong, with the result that a crowded house
greeted the company on their first appearance
last night. High expectations had been formed
regarding the entertainment, and it is safe to
say that these were exceeded in every case. The
entertainment provided by "The Follies" is
now to Hongkong. Everything associated with
their programme is original. Their platform is
strikingly attractive, their dress is
picturesque and their funny pro-
gramme is decidedly laughable. The
introduction is very pleasing, inasmuch as
it reveals the fine quality of the various voices
and the excellent balance of the whole, and as
the programme proceeds every auditor becomes
subject to its charm, its originality and its
mirth. Jean Desormes tells Nollie Webber
"how much he loves her," Cissie Harcourt sings
"Ypsilanti," Reynolds Mountfield has some
funny yarns to spin, Nollie Webber and Henry
Dallas contribute a very effective pastiche,
Elsie Redfern sings "My Moon" with great
acceptance, Mr. Clifton Yates gives a very effective
interpretation of "Glorious Devon," (endorse),
Fred Daniels emerges from his crustacean
environment, Marie Mansfield mimics very
cleverly, and the Beverage Quartette supply
one of the prettiest and finest vocal arrange-
ments heard on the stage here. Then come the
Follies Plays which are in themselves an ideal
entertainment. The second part of the pro-
gramme is devoted to a burlesque of a music
hall, which is in keeping with the character of
the company for rollicking humour.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

FOURTH CRUISER RACE.

The fourth of a series of five Cruiser Races
was sailed on the 12th instant. The course was
from a line off the south shore of (Sconeater's)
Island round a rock off Ling T'ing Island and
back, a distance of 27 miles. The following boats
competed—

Dalveen	...	Hon. Mr. H. Keswick
La Cigale	...	Mr. A. Bune
Aileen	...	Mr. A. Showman
Clara	...	Mr. A. Besson
Miranda	...	Mr. B. B. B.
Snipe	...	Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock
Tavy	...	Officers H. M. S. Tamar
Dorothy	...	Capt. Lyddon, A. O. D.

There was a strong easterly wind inside the
harbour when the start was made at 10 a.m.
The Dalveen and La Cigale had one reef down
in their mainsails, but the other boats had whole
sails.

Outside Green Island it was almost a flat
calm, which extended for some distance to the
Southward, where the Dalveen and La Cigale
hooked out their reefs and the former hoisted
her topsails and main topmast staysail. The
Miranda and Snipe, keeping more to the west-
ward, picked up a light air which gave them a
slight lead for a time and took them from under
the lee of Lamma Island, when a strong east breeze
was again met with and a moderate swell. Before
the rock was reached, however, the rest of the
fleet, falling in with a smart breeze off Lamma Is-
land, reached for the rock in fine style. The
Dalveen rounded the mark first, followed by Tavy,
La Cigale, Miranda, Snipe, Aileen and Dorothy.
Clara split her jib and had to retire from the
race.

On the reach home all the boats again encoun-
tered a calm, but La Cigale, keeping close to
Lamma, kept her way until she again met the
easterly wind in the harbour, and she finished a
good first completing the course in 4 hours 53
minutes 23 seconds. The Aileen was the next
to follow, then came Miranda, Tavy, Snipe, Dal-
veen and Dorothy.

The times of finishing were as follows—

	Actual	Corrected	Marks
La Cigale	4 53 23	5 23 3	9
Aileen	5 45 00	6 31 30	3
Miranda	3 50 00	6 32 3	6
Tavy	3 55 38	6 32 38	5
Snipe	3 57 58	6 30 58	4
Dalveen	4 2 13	4 2 13	2
Dorothy	4 14 54	3 20 54	7
Miranda	...	...	19
Snipe	...	...	18
Dorothy	...	...	18
La Cigale	...	...	18
Tavy	...	...	17
Aileen	...	...	10
Dalveen	...	...	9
Elaine	...	...	8

BOXING.

KENNY LOSES TO McILVAINE.

The Manila Cablenews publishes the following
account of the fight at Zamboanga between
Kenny and McIlvaine for the middleweight
supremacy of the Philippines.
McIlvaine won the boxing contest with
Kenny in the 10th round on a foul. Kenny
knocked McIlvaine down. The latter did not
touch the floor with his body, but stooped with
his hands near the floor, whereupon Kenny hit
him again. The referee claimed McIlvaine was
down when he was hit, as he had his hands on
the floor, and awarded the decision to the
Zamboanga boxer. The referee had not
commenced counting when the blow was
struck. Kenny and his friends are unani-
mous in pronouncing the decision most
unjust. Kenny had asked that all bets
be declared off, but at a conference this
morning between Kenny, McIlvaine, and the
referee, the latter finally decided that all bets
stand as made. The fight was very even up
the last two rounds, during which Kenny had
decidedly the best of his antagonist, and it is
the universal opinion that had the contest been
allowed to proceed Kenny would have won.
McIlvaine was clever in his work at close
quarters, while Kenny confined himself prin-
cipally to open tactics and rushes. The
decision against Kenny is unpopular, even
among the people at Zamboanga, who won
money on the event.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 17th February.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (ACTING
PUISNE JUDGE).

WAITING FOR A WITNESS.

In the action by William Jack & Co. against Ah Ling for the recovery of \$513.75. Mr. Gardiner, who appeared for the plaintiff, said his Lordship had decided to re-hear the case and he would ask his Lordship to adjourn it *sine die* to allow Mr. Nye to attend. Mr. Nye would be here at the end of the month.

Mr. Davidson, who appeared for defendant, said it would not be possible to try the case before Mr. Nye returned, but at the same time he thought it should be tried as soon as possible. It was rather late for his friend, having begun the action, to say that Mr. Nye was a necessary witness.

Mr. Gardiner—The writ was issued in July when Mr. Nye was here. My friend's client did a little ship to Canton.

Mr. Davidson—A most improper thing to say. Mr. Gardiner—There was the evidence of the bailiff.

His Lordship—I think the case will have to go to the bottom of the long list.

Mr. Davidson—Yes, it must. The defendant did not go to Canton.

Mr. Gardiner—Well, he disappeared. The bailiff was not able to serve him.

A CREDITORS' BILLS.

Watkins & Company sued J. T. Naylor for \$17.81. Mr. Crowther Smith appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Goldring said his client admitted the debt. He was a seafaring man and the writ had never been served upon him. It was addressed to the wrong ship and in the circumstances he would ask his Lordship not to allow costs. He was a man who had paid his bills with regularity.

Mr. Smith said he was prepared to prove that the defendant had had particulars and had discussed them with the plaintiff.

His Lordship asked Mr. Goldring if he wished to have the question of costs tried.

Mr. Goldring replied that this would only lead to further costs.

His Lordship thought Mr. Goldring should consent to judgment.

Mr. Smith said the only question was whether the defendant had had particulars and had had a chance of paying before the writ was issued. He was prepared to prove that defendant had had these particulars.

His Lordship gave judgment for costs. Mr. Goldring asked for a stay of execution, as his client was at sea.

His Lordship agreed. The same plaintiffs sued M. de Wolf for \$14.25, A. R. Dunn for \$27.90, and F. McIntyre for \$6.80. Mr. Crowther Smith represented the plaintiffs, and Mr. Dixon appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Dixon said that each of the defendants said that they had paid, and one of them had receipts.

Mr. Smith asked for discovery, as there was no use proceeding with the action if receipts could be produced.

Mr. Dixon produced the receipts in the case of McIntyre and Mr. Smith withdrew the action against that defendant.

In the action against J. S. de Wolff, chief officer of the *Shanghai*, Mr. Watkins produced the harbour book and stated that the defendant owed the money stated.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dixon:

Was there a Mr. Duncan in your firm?

Yes.

His Lordship—Has he left?

Witness—He has absconded, my Lord.

Mr. Dixon—And he has been collecting debts due to the firm?—Yes.

Mr. Smith—I don't want to raise any objection, but this man has not been convicted of any crime, and I don't want my client to state in the box—

His Lordship—Was he authorised to collect debts for the firm?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Dixon—And he collected this money from Mr. Wolff?

Witness—Not to my knowledge.

Mr. Dixon—You have no knowledge?

Witness—No. In almost every case where he has collected money I have had a receipt produced.

Mr. Dixon—In the case against Mr. McIntyre he collected that money?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Dixon—And there is no record in your books to show that the money was collected?

Witness—No.

Mr. Dixon—Probably the same thing has happened with Mr. Wolff?

Witness—It is hard to say.

His Lordship—It is possible?

Witness—Yes. What I say is that I have not had the money and no record of it.

Defendant then entered the witness-box and stated that he paid the money to the man from whom he had the goods. That was approximately about eighteen months ago. He paid Mr. Duncan when he brought the medicines on board. He got a receipt for the first lot, but not for the second, as it was so small that Mr. Duncan said it was not worth while bothering about a receipt.

Mr. Dixon—Were you ever asked to produce this receipt?

Defendant said he was transferred from one ship to the *Shanghai* at an hour's notice and he left his bill file hanging in the wardrobe and he lost the receipt for every bill he had paid in China.

In cross-examination he denied that he had received the bill. The only intimation he had was when Mr. Watkins came to the ship in his absence and said that he would sue him.

His Lordship—I am satisfied this money has been paid. Judgment will be for defendant with costs.

The other action being the same, Mr. Smith withdrew it.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL.

Mr. M. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Otto Kung Sing, moved the Court on behalf of the Man Chun firm leave to appeal against so much of the decision of Mr. Justice Hazeland delivered on February 13th as ordered that the plaintiff and defendant bear their own costs.

Mr. Slade stated that there were cross actions. He moved for leave to appeal against the judgment of Mr. Justice Hazeland, ordering each party to bear his own costs, on the ground that there was no cause for departing from the rule. The plaintiff sued for \$99, said to be due on a running account. His client had been successful all round, obtaining judgment both on the claim and counter-claim, but although successful he was largely out of pocket. His client was deprived of costs by an order made by Mr. Justice Hazeland, as Counsel thought, under a misapprehension. Leave to appeal was granted.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth in their weekly report dated 17th February state:—

Owing to the Race holidays very little business has been transacted during the week, and closing quotations show no material change. Fine Hard Para Rubber after advancing to 6 1/2 per lb in London closes somewhat easier at 6 1/4 per lb with probable buyers. Fine plantation Smoked Sheets at the recent Rubber auction in London fetched 6/10 to 6/11 per lb, the tone of the auction being "firm." The Bank of England rate of discount has further receded to 3 per cent, and the open market rate to 2 1/2 per cent. Bar Silver closes in London at 23 1/2 per oz., and the Sterling T.T. rate at 19 1/4. Shanghai T.T. is quoted at 74, and the Bank's buying rate for 3 days bills at 74 1/2.

BAKES.—A small sale of Hongkong and Shanghai is reported at \$210, market closing with probable buyers at the rate, and sellers at \$215. London is unchanged at \$29. Nationals are still required for at \$80.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have been booked at \$225, and more shares are wanted. North China have been done at Tls 151, and Yangtze at \$205. There are probable sellers of F.O.B. at \$175.

FINANCIALS.—Hongkong are wanted at \$500, but no shares appear available under \$550. China have buyers at \$120 and probable sellers at \$122.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have again been dealt in at \$31. Indo-China continue in request at \$56, and China and Manila at \$84. Shell transports are offering from London at 90.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars are in demand at \$107, but no shares are to be had under \$110, which is the closing selling rate. Luzons after sales at \$15 1/2 are firmer with buyers at \$16.

MINING.—Quotations are unchanged and there is no business to report.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks close steady at \$56, and Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves at \$52, the latter with buyers. Other quotations under this head are unchanged.

LANDS, HOUSES AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are slightly easier with sellers at \$95. Kowloon lands are in request at \$34, and West Point at \$45, the latter after sales. Hongkong Hotels are quiet at \$105 and \$64 for the old and new issues respectively, and Humphreys Estates at \$63 ex dividend. Shanghai Lands are quoted in the north at Tls 97 ex dividend after sales at Tls 100 cum dividend.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong have declined to \$5 1/2 sellers without business to report. In the North, Ewos are quoted at Tls 85, Laon-Kung Mows at Tls 59, Internationals at Tls 51, and Soy Chees at Tls 25, the latter now being split up into tea shares of Tls 50 each for one original share of Tls 500.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents are wanted at \$7, Dairy Farms at \$16, Electric at \$22, China Lights at 95 cents, and Watson's at \$64. There are sellers of Icos at \$170, China Borneos at \$104, and Morning Posts at \$25.

RUBBERS.—Closing quotations received from London by wire to-day are as follows—middle prices:—

Highlands and Lowlands	97 1/2
Ledbury	65 1/2
London Asiatic	13 1/2
London Ventures	5 1/2
United Serdangs	107 1/2
Allagars	4 1/2
Batu Tiga	85 1/2
Sapong	25 1/2
Luggis	45 1/2

EMPIRE FIGURES.

BRITAIN'S TOTAL POPULATION 343,748,000.

The Forty-Seventh Statistical Abstract of the British Empire, just issued as a Bluebook, contains some striking figures. According to the latest returns, the total area of the Empire is 11,190,000 square miles. The total population in 1901 was 343,748,000, as against 307,474,000 in 1891.

The work of the Colonial postal departments has enormously increased during the last few years. During 1909 the 18,392 post offices in India dealt with 767,922,728 letters and cards, 101,192,285 newspapers, book packets, and circulars, 6,140,819 parcels, and 13,244,097 telegrams.

In Australia the number of letters dealt with numbered 372,501,343; newspapers, &c., 201,839,873; parcels, 2,917,464; telegrams, 13,590,277. The Canadian figures have been more than doubled in nine years, letters alone totalling 479,670,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 17th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen moderately to considerably over N. China and Japan, respectively. The anti-cyclonic area is still central over the continent to the North of the Yangtze valley, and pressure remains low in the neighbourhood of the Southern Philippines.

Strong monsoon will continue to prevail along the China coast and over the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood	N.E. winds, strong; fair.
Formosa Channel	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooka	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	Same as No. 1.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

London, January 25th.

CAPTAIN ISAT DROWNED.

A telegram received this week from Bangkok reports a boating accident in which Captain A. B. Isat and two men belonging to the Royal Artillery lost their lives. Captain Isat was stationed for a time in Hongkong, and as a subaltern took an active part in the sports of his Company. He was a fairly good all-round sportsman, and played "football" occasionally with the Hongkong F.C. If I remember rightly, he played in representative matches at full-back being a plucky tackler and a fairly good kicker. There are still some residents in Hongkong who will remember poor Isat, and who will learn with extreme regret of his untimely death.

SIR FIELDING CLARKE.

It is stated by a London contemporary that Sir Fielding Clarke is retiring from his position as Chief Justice of Jamaica. After a short period of practice at the Bar in England, Sir Fielding Clarke went as a Judge to Fiji, and was then transferred to Hongkong as Puisne Judge, becoming Chief Justice upon the retirement of Sir James Russell. It was at the special request of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, then Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Sir Fielding Clarke agreed to be transferred to Jamaica, where he has won high esteem as a Judge.

During his residence in Hongkong, he was equally highly esteemed for his perspicacity and soundness of judgment. No one saw more readily into the heart of a case, or had a more intense dislike to prolixity and waste of time on the part of lawyers appearing before him. He had a particularly caustic wit, and was not slow in passing striking and scathing comments as a case was in course of progress. Withal, he was at heart genial enough and of a kindly disposition, being exceedingly well liked by those who knew him best. Many a time he presided over the Court when he was suffering great physical pain, and at all times he devoted the closest attention to his official duties. The police officials of the time used to think he acted too frequently as counsel for the prisoner, but, after all, no one could honestly allege that he put undue difficulties in the way of the police.

He did not take much part in public affairs—Lady Fielding Clarke did—but I remember on one occasion his presiding over a public meeting in the City Hall held to express indignation at the Imperial Government's apparent lack of activity over the massacre of several British missionaries—mostly women—near Foochow.

At the time, Hongkong was stirred as I have never seen it stirred before or since, and I remember so cool-headed a customer as one of our leading local solicitors actually proposing that the male Europeans of Hongkong should arm themselves and proceed to Foochow in order to wreak summary punishment upon the Chinese who had been guilty of the atrocious murders. When the late Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., proposed a resolution worded in extremely strong phraseology condemning of Lord Salisbury's administration, Sir Fielding Clarke jibbed. It was all very well for him to preside over a meeting to express the deep-felt horror of the community at a revolting crime, but as an official he could not very well be a party to the passing of a resolution condemning the administration. He accordingly left the chair, and the resolution was put to the meeting by Mr. Francis and carried *nem. con.*

Sir Fielding Clarke will carry into his retirement the good wishes of many old China hands, and particularly the good wishes of those who knew him most intimately in his Hongkong days.

A NEW BALANCE OF POWER.

During the past few weeks the English and Continental Press have been discussing recent political movements in Asia and Europe which seem to foreshadow a new balance of power. The initial step was the meeting between the Tsar and the German Emperor at Potsdam, which led to the announcement that negotiations were proceeding between Russia and Germany. At once the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente came under review, and the situation was further complicated by the statement that China was about to approach Germany in the hopes of securing an ally. Upon the strength of the Potsdam meeting the Berlin papers forthwith expressed the opinion that international conditions justified Germany engaging in a determined policy of expansion. With a peaceful Russian policy, France would not dare to risk a struggle, and Britain was free to make a bold move against Germany for some of the markets of the world. The Berlin Post thought that England for some time to come would be sufficiently preoccupied with domestic problems, especially as the Unionists, "the most intractable enemies of Germany," had been defeated at the polls, and the Liberal Cabinet could be relied upon to pursue a peaceful course.

It was not long before official statements were made on behalf of the Triple Entente. King George sent a telegram to the President of the French Republic, which left no room for doubt as to the goodwill between Great Britain and France. Then the Paris *Matin* reported that the Tsar had said to a member of his entourage at St. Petersburg:—"The Triple Entente is stronger than the Triple Alliance." Directly the French Chamber met, M. Pichon, the Foreign Minister, made it absolutely clear that the Entente rested on a more solid basis than ever. The proposed agreement between Germany and Russia with regard to Turkey and Persia was described as exactly similar to the agreement made between Germany and France with regard to Morocco. M. Pichon declared that the policy of the late King Edward con-

tinued. There was no divergence of views between the two countries, and King George did not act towards France otherwise than did his illustrious father. After this the German Press discovered their mistake in proclaiming the Potsdam meeting as a sign of the dissolution of the Triple Entente, and admitted that the negotiations with Russia had not gone beyond the stage of "feelers." Holland, Denmark and Belgium also appear concerned. Holland is proposing new fortifications at the mouth of the Scheldt on her North Sea coast, and Belgium, whose port of Antwerp will be affected, insists that the danger lies from Germany on the East rather than from the West. Denmark, too, contemplated various land defences, and it is stated these have been postponed after representations made by Germany.

Meanwhile it is openly asserted here that China, after unsuccessful overtures to the United States, has approached Germany with a view to an agreement to counteract Russian-Japanese policy. Two Chinese commissioners visited Germany last year, and the Kaiser personally stage-managed the attentions of which they were the object. After visiting several of the cities the Chinese left with vivid impressions of the splendour and generosity of the German Power. The German papers allege that the purpose of the report is to arouse suspicion against that country in St. Petersburg and Tokyo, as well as to influence the negotiations "taking place between Russia and Germany with respect to Persia and Turkey." They deny that Germany has ever received or made overtures toward an alliance with China. Whether this be so or not, the fact remains that Berlin is vastly pleased with the great preparations being made in Peking in honour of the visit of the Kaiser's son, and it is evident that the Chinese Government attach considerable importance to the visit. The German Foreign Office states that the reports of a German-Chinese alliance are without foundation. It is admitted that the relations between the two countries have grown appreciably better, but there is said to be no warrant for describing the relations as anything but "more cordial than hitherto." The whole affair, however, has caused uneasiness in Russian official life, and political circles in St. Petersburg are watching with the greatest attention the growth of German influence in Peking, where, it is stated, it is recognized that Russian influence has been steadily declining.

THE MORALS OF CHINAMEN AT CARDIFF. The Cardiff police are at present devoting much time towards improving the morals of the Chinese who inhabit the neighbourhood of Dute Street and the Docks. One day recently they raided a gambling den and arrested thirty celestials who thought they were doing no harm in passing the time with fan-tan. Evidently the Chinamen know that no gambling is permitted in this country, for the front door was heavily barred and guarded by sentries. The police, however, entered from the rear and surprised the occupants who camped away into other rooms. The house, being surrounded, their escape was cut off, and they then began to protest their innocence, but all to no purpose. In the main room was an altar to a deity, and a light was burning, and two beds which had apparently been recently occupied by opium smokers. There were further bags of money and a fan-tan table and apparatus. Heavy fines were subsequently imposed.

BESHAZZAR'S PALACE.

REMARKABLE DISCOVERIES.

Professor Koldewey, who for 11 years has been engaged in excavating Babylon for the German Oriental Society, has published in the *Berliner Tagblatt* an interesting account of the result of last year's work. This work was divided between the private houses of the city, the fortifications, the citadel "Kasr," with palace and connected buildings, and finally the sacred precincts of the Tower of Babel. Results of importance were attained in all four quarters.

A large area covered with streets and houses from New Babylonian time was discovered. The streets more or less coincide with the streets of the older city underneath, being fairly straight and right-angled. As, however, the houses and rooms were always built with exact right angles, the builders met with technical difficulties, which were got over by building the outer faces of the walls with zigzag projections, a method which gives to the walls to-day a fantastic appearance seen nowhere in the world.

The part of the outer fortifications which was laid bare shows the massive character of this work, each side of which was six kilometres long. Almost the whole southern side of the inner town wall has been excavated. Originally this wall was directly connected with the fortifications of the citadel. The southern part of the citadel has nearly all been uncovered. This part is called; and here, overbuilt by Nebuchadnezzar's later palace extensions, lie the remains of the Euphrates quay walls of Sargon and Nabopolassar.

TOWER OF BABEL.

After the completion of Nebuchadnezzar's palace extensions this part of the citadel served as the private residence of the King, the offices of the Court, the private dwellings of the palace officials and the Government offices being farther to the west.

"Here," says Professor L. Koldewey, "is the hall where Nebuchadnezzar was enthroned, and the scene of Balthazar's feat. It was here also that Alexander gave his generals the last commands for the conquest of the world."

The fourth object of investigation, the "Euphrates" lies between the citadel and the hill "Amran." The precinct of the Tower of Babel is a square with sides of about 400 metres, divided into several compartments. On all four sides are large entrances, mostly with colonnades on the outside. Probably in these courts collected the spectators or participants in their sessions of the law, the judges, the priests, the officials, and the various officials. Remains of 400 of these towers have already been excavated, but the total number was probably a thousand.

"Here," says Prof. Koldewey, "there is no trace of grace, but only might and power, great numbers and great masses." This style of architecture will probably also be found in the Tower of Babel, "the excavation of which," says the Professor, "we now aspire to and expect."

To these particular ruins refers a not fully deciphered Babylonian inscription, giving the measurements of various edifices. It is hoped that when the excavations are complete a comparison of the inscription with the ruins will completely elucidate the Babylonian standard of measurement.

TWO NEW BRITISH BATTLE-SHIPS.

THE "KING GEORGE V."

The battleship *King George V*, which will make the sixth vessel of the Dreadnought type constructed at Portsmouth, was officially begun last month when the first keel-plate was laid by Lady Curzon-Howe.

The proceedings were of a private nature, none but Admiral-Superintendent Tate, the dockyard officers, the Commander-in-Chief, and naval officers immediately connected with the dockyard being present. Lady Curzon-Howe, after being instructed in her duties, pressed a button and the huge keel-plate was lowered into position by electrical power. The keel having been tested by Mr. Apsey, Manager of the Constructive Department, with a spirit level and found true, Lady Curzon-Howe tapped it with a hammer and declared it "well and truly laid."

Rear-Admiral Alban G. Tate, Admiral-Superintendent, thanked Lady Curzon-Howe for her services and the Commander-in-Chief for attending the ceremony, as a souvenir of which Mr. Apsey, on behalf of the constructive staff, presented to Lady Curzon-Howe an inkstand shaped like a keel-plate and mounted on wood taken from the old *King George*. Three cheers for the new ship and the lady who laid its first keel-plate concluded the ceremony.

THE "CENTURION."

Lady Fawkes, wife of Admiral Sir Wilmot H. Fawkes, Commander-in-Chief at Plymouth, yesterday performed the ceremony of laying the keel-plate of the battleship *Centurion*, which is to be built in Devonport Dockyard. About 50 of the principal naval officers of the port and the chief officials of the dockyard were present. The keel-plate was moved into position by an electric switch operated by Lady Fawkes and by means of a pneumatic riveter she drove home the first rivet of the ship. Mrs. Stokes, the wife of the Admiral-Superintendent, fastened the second rivet, and the other ladies present also took part in the ceremony driving rivets, each of which was marked by workmen with the initials of the lady. Lady Fawkes was presented with a water-colour drawing of the *Centurion* as she will appear when completed, and with an ornamental hammer bearing the name of the ship and the date when she was begun.

MANY NEW FEATURES.

The four ships which comprise, in addition to the *King George V*, and the *Centurion*, the *Ajax* (Grosvenor) and the *Admiral* (Birkenhead), will embody many new features, says a London paper, although, of course, none so noteworthy as those introduced in the *Orion*, in which by the mounting of the ten 13.5 guns in barbets on the centre-line of the ship, a new departure in Dreadnought construction, at least so far as Great Britain is concerned, was marked—a departure quite as significant as the advance from the *King Edward* class to the original Dreadnought.

The *King George V* class of ships have a nominal displacement in the designs of 23,500 tons, but it is expected that their total displacement when completed will be not far short of 25,000 tons. The main object in this increasing displacement has been to give more space for a better disposition of the five turrets on the centre line.

Indeed, it is now practically impossible that size should be increased without length. The maximum draught possible for the Suez Canal and the Panama Canal, now building, has already been reached, and in view of this it is an imperative necessity on naval designers that no further increase in the draught of vessels shall take place. The new ships will therefore be some twenty feet longer than the *Orion*, while there will be a few inches increase in beam. The comparison will be as follows:—

	Beam.	Length.
<i>Orion</i>	88ft. 6ins.	550ft.
New ships	89ft.	570ft.

The new class of ships will have enormously increased engine-power, the indicated horsepower being 33,000, as compared with the *Orion*'s 27,000.

CENTRE-LINE GUNS.

The guns will be similar to those to be mounted in the *Orion*, with all the barbets situated on the centre-line of the ship, and so arranged as to give a broadside over either beam of all ten guns. This is equivalent to a simultaneous discharge of five tons seven hundredweights of projectiles.

The Admiralty, realising the possibility of the development of aerial warfare, have made provision in the design of the new ships for protection from this means of attack, and the upper decks of the vessels will be covered with thin hardened armour plate.

The question of reverting to secondary armaments in vessels of the Dreadnought character has been considered by the Admiralty. Sir William White, late Director of Naval Construction, is an ardent advocate of secondary armaments, urging that in actual warfare 6-in. gun fire would occasion terrible havoc to an enemy, hampering it in its movements, while it would also prove of immense value in the event of the vessels of opposing fleets coming suddenly on each other under cover of darkness or fog, or at short range the larger guns would be almost unwieldy.

It is possible, therefore, that the Admiralty may consider the introduction of a more powerful type of gun than the present 4-in. gun for anti-torpedo attack.

Another change which it is believed will be made in the new vessels will be the placing of the officer's quarters aft—a reversion to the old arrangement in the pre-Dreadnought days.

GROWTH IN SIX YEARS.

The tremendous advance in design and power represented by these ships may be seen in the following comparison of the new ships as they will be when completed and the original Dreadnought:—

	DREADNOUGHT	NEW SHIPS.
Laid down	1905	1911
Length	490ft.	57ft.
Beam	82ft.	89ft.
Displacement	17,000 tons	25,000 tons
Main armour	11-in. Krupp	12-in. Simpson
Horse-power	23,000	33,000
Speed	2 knots	12 knots
Main guns	Ten 12-in.	Ten 13.5 in.
Weight of shell	850lbs.	1,250lbs.
Breadth of fire	5,800lbs.	12,940lbs.
Anti-torpedo	24 12-in.	24 4-in. or 6-in.

Although the growth in displacement makes the task harder and harder, the *King George V* is to be completed within two years from the date of laying her keel, and this will necessitate the employment of many more men if the work is to be accomplished without overtime.

Good progress has already been made at Portsmouth Dockyard, and vast quantities of stowwork are prepared for lifting into place and riveting together.

Since the *Orion* was launched from the same building slip last September many improvements have been made. A railway has been laid down each side of the slip in order to facilitate the conveyance of material from the workshops, and a new gantry and traveller has been erected

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The Registrar,
L. STEMMER.

Fullstittel, January 20th, 1911.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on SATURDAY, the 4th March, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th inst. to 4th March, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1911. [334]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1911, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1910. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 24th February to 9th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. PEMBERTON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1911. [335]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "ASSAYE," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at wharf in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

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B. A. HEWITT,
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Hongkong, 17th February, 1911. [1]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 7th to 21st February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1911. [229]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of February, 1911, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1910.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February, to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1911 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1911. [293]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 12 Noon, on TUESDAY, 28th inst., to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1910, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th inst. to the 28th inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1911. [313]

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S. H. BARLOW,
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JAMES CRAIK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1911. [209]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1911.

TO-DAY (SATURDAY) (OFF-DAY), 18th FEBRUARY.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the OFF-DAY), or \$3 per day. Tickets for the OFF-DAY, \$2.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1911. [308]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Races, TO-DAY, 18th inst. A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which will be sent out with the Members' Tickets.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Luncheon Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1911. [309]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO CHILDREN under the age of 14 years will be admitted into the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1911. [310]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO Servants will be allowed into the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Day WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession, will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1911. [311]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Race to be run on the OFF DAY, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 18th FEBRUARY, 1911.

THE ADMIRAL'S CUP.

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1911. [286]

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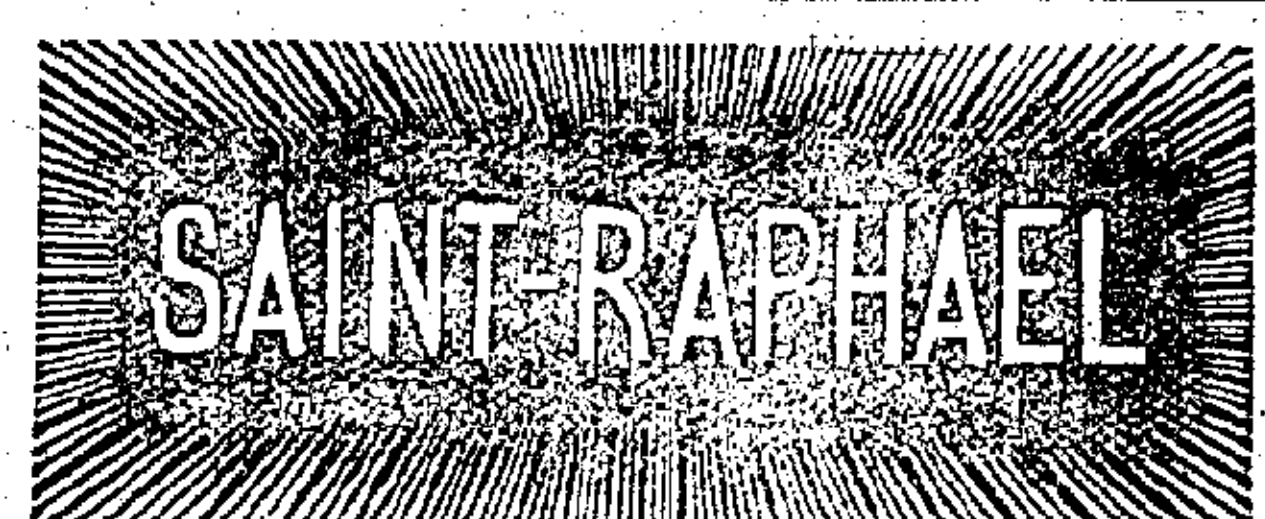
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INTELLECT AND EVOLUTION.

Man is no longer growing in mental capacity, if the conclusions of a British authority, Neville Chamberlain, are correct. He makes a distinction between intellect, pure and simple, and the qualities that together make up what is called character, and finds it doubtful if the races often regarded as inferior are at any disadvantage in pure intellect. It is unfair to decide mental capacity by comparing those who have had the benefits of education—giving the accumulated experience of centuries—with semi-savages who have been brought up in the bush. Two generations ago the Japanese were thought to be little better than barbarians, of small intellect, and the Babes of Bencal and the aborigines of Australia were similarly regarded; but now they take front rank in modern universities, often excelling Europeans at examinations. More important to average success than great intellectual ability are the qualities constituting character—such as courage, earnestness, determination, judgment and sympathy. Even these traits must be preserved and strengthened by the same process of natural selection that has so powerfully influenced physical evolution, and the character of the individuals has made the character of nations. An Anglo-Saxon success, past and future, may be looked upon as a result of national character, rather than any fancied intellectual superiority.

MUSHROOM ANTITOXIN.

The serum treatment of mushroom poisoning has been shown to be possible by Radis and Sartory, French physicians. An extract of the toxic principle of two of the most dangerous varieties of mushrooms was made, and injections of this virus were made into rabbits in the usual manner for preparing antitoxin, serums, such as those of diphtheria and rabies. After four months the rabbits were so completely immunized that eating the most poisonous mushrooms had no effect.

THE EARTH'S TEMPERATURE.

In his determination of the temperature of the whole earth, Dr. Fritzsche used the records of 800 places, the computed result being 14.6 degrees C. (58 degrees F.), with a variation of 4.2 degrees C. The end of January is the coldest period (12.5 degrees C.), and mid-July is the warmest (16.7 degrees C.). The mean temperature of the northern hemisphere is 15.3 degrees C., the southern being about 1.5 degrees C. colder.

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Heavy metals have been introduced into glass by means of the electric current by two German experimenters, A. Heydweiller and F. Kopfermann. A small tube of soda-lime or potash glass closed at the bottom was filled with a fused mixture of sodium and potassium nitrates and was immersed in a fused salt of the heavy metal. Current was applied through platinum wires, the mixture within the tube forming the cathode or negative pole, and the metallic salt outside serving as anode. Sodium, potassium, barium, strontium, antimony, lead, tin, copper, iron, cobalt and silver were thus introduced into the glass electrolytically, but with gold, platinum and uranium the attempts were unsuccessful. The temperatures in the successful trials were above 200 C. The metals penetrate the glass in the colloidal form, giving colours varying with conditions, and on heating change to the metallic state or to oxides. Some metals diffuse into glass without the electric current, though very much more slowly.

PRIMITIVE TELEGRAPHY.

A curious system of wireless telegraphy has been found among the Indians of the Putumayo, a chief tributary of the Upper Amazon. As

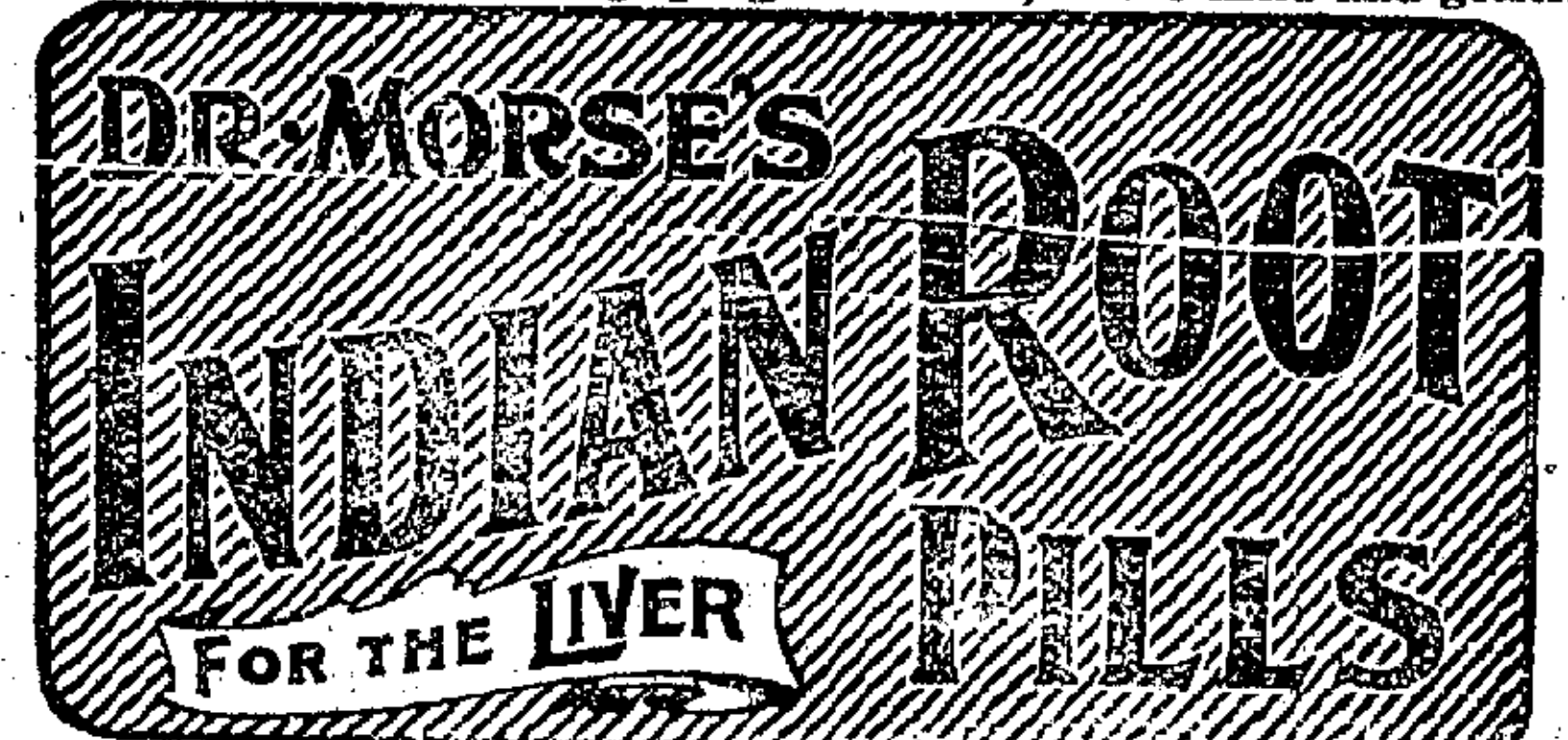
FOUL BREATH.
WOMEN'S GREATEST MISFORTUNE.

The old saying that "distance lends enchantment" was never more aptly to the point than when applied to those people whose breath is laden with evil smelling odours. Many persons appear most attractive at a distance, but produce a feeling of pity and disgust when close to because of the condition of their breath. For instance, it makes little difference how beautiful a woman may be, or how charming her manner if her breath is foul, her charm is gone and she is at a disadvantage when ever she comes in contact with other people. Foul breath in women arouses in man a feeling of repugnance and a desire to get out of the company of such a woman as quickly as possible, and even women will avoid her. It is therefore important for every woman who values her personal attraction to take such care of herself that this unpleasant and unnecessary complaint is avoided or corrected. Men, women and children who are troubled with this complaint will drive their friends away more rapidly than any other affliction. People do not realise their breaths are bad because they are like those who are constantly employed among paints and varnishes—they get used to what is to others a most offensive smell. In nearly all cases this condition is due to Constipation and a disordered Stomach, and a coated Tongue, slight Headache, and feverishness are the sure signs that the digestive organs are retaining quantities of impurities from which the system should be free, thereby causing the Breath to become charged with the foul odour. In Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills there will be found a searching, cleansing remedy which will drive the masses of decaying corruption—that poison the Blood and contaminate the breath—from the system through the regular channels. They get at the cause as no other remedy does. They get at the foundation of the complaint. They give you clean bowels, a healthy stomach, a lively liver, and so common if taken once or twice a week to keep the system in a healthy condition. They are purely vegetable, and their action is not accompanied by any nauseous or gripping sensation, but is mild and gentle.



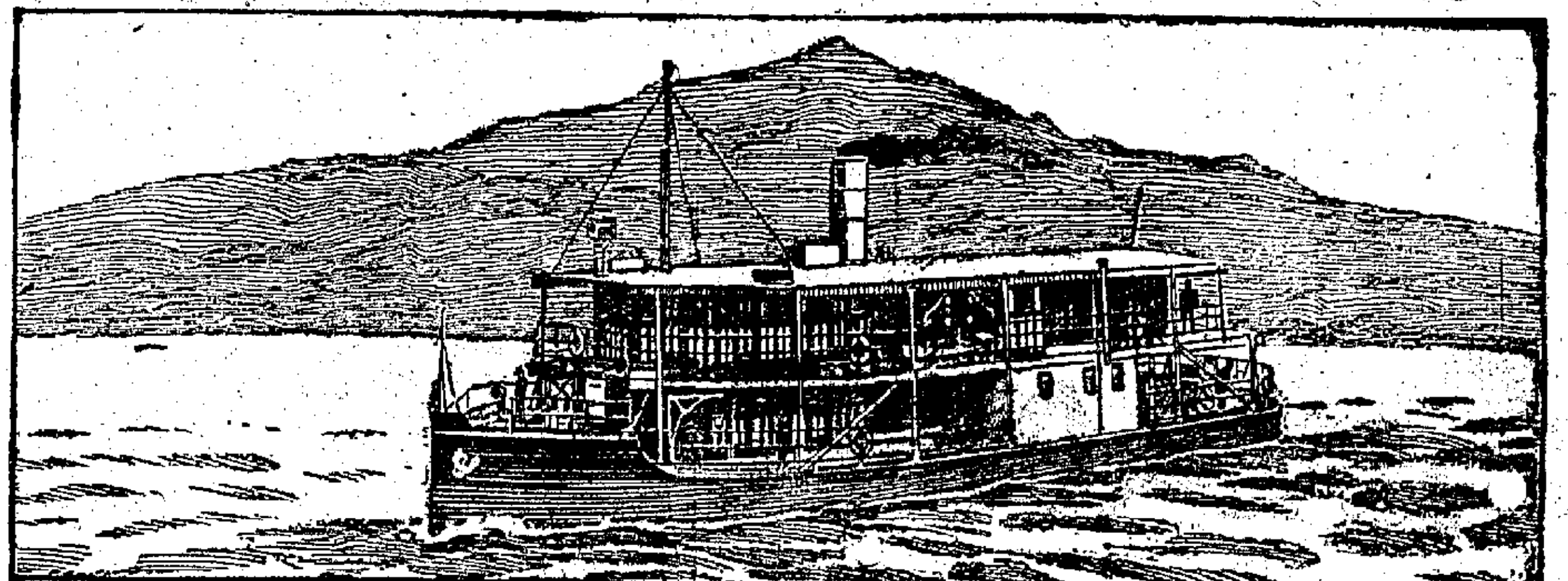
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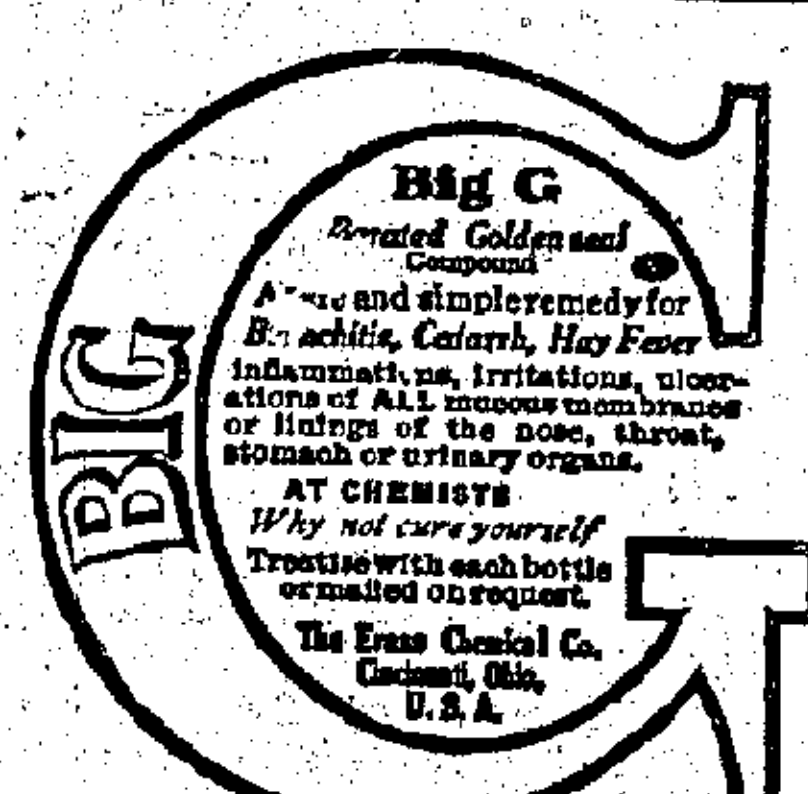
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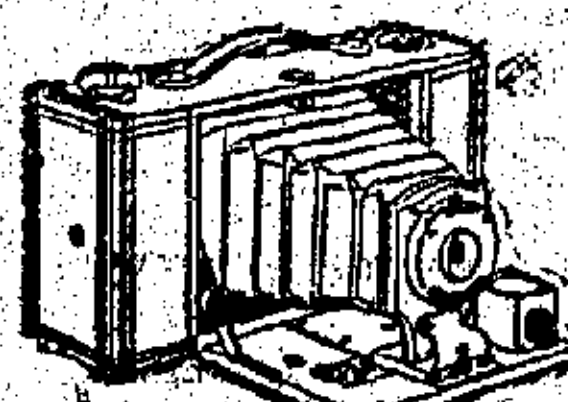
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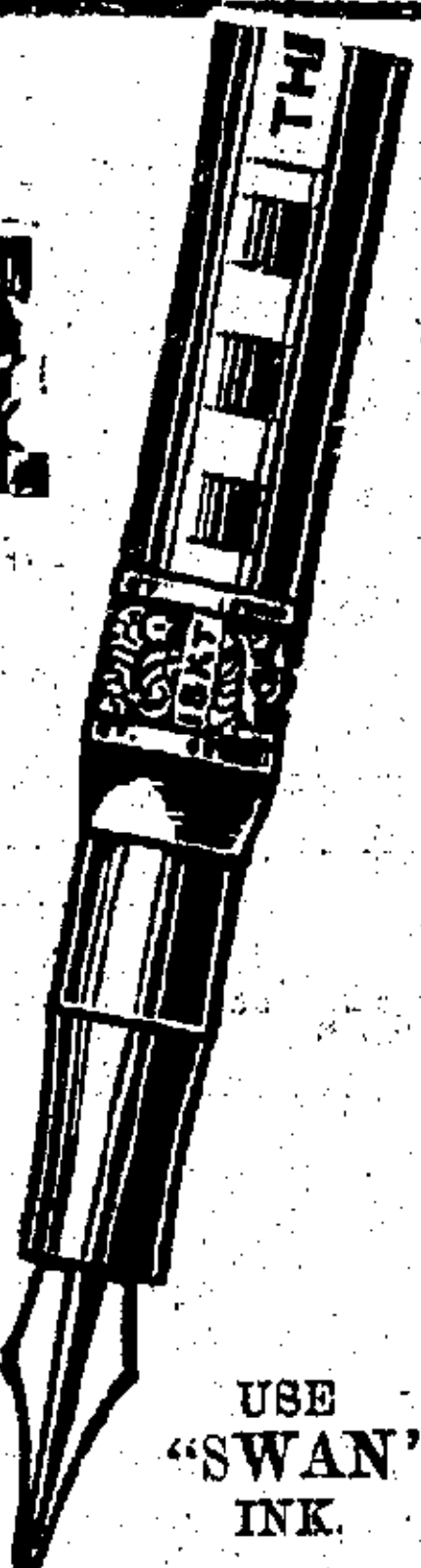
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It was the night of the New Year sports at Tanom, which is beyond the end of the railway that runs inland from Jesselton; the coast town. For a couple of months before the word had gone through the forests that there would be great sports with prizes, for which all native tribes who would might compete. The brown people had come in from far and near, and the new district magistrate was inaugurating his arrival in grand style.

Early in the morning the games had begun with water sports on the Padas river—raft races of the Moortas, "gobang" races in native boats called "gobang," and "walking the grassy pole," which was fixed so as to project far over the water. Coconut palms rose above the large-leaved Jack trees, but higher than any palms grew the beautiful grey-trunked Durian trees.

On a long stretch of sward a great sunnypant contest was held—a match with the long blow-pipes through which your Moortas soude the tiny arrow that will kill at eighty or a hundred yards.

Little people, these forest folk, the men with long black hair, most of them were tattooed, and many had the eyelashes pulled out. Their dress was simple, consisting of no more than the "shovet" or red loin cloth, long, and tied to hang in a tail behind. They showed, quite a number of skin diseases, and seemed rather proud of them. Some Tomagong women from the Pagellan river wore green leaves and flowers in their hair, and many of the women had coils of brass wire round their legs and arms. There were Dyaks from Sarawak, with hoopoe feathers in a kind of loose turban, and a group of Bisaya boys from Loongban, of the tribe reputed to have occult powers in bringing death to distant enemies by sorcery of will.

In the afternoon a general more was made away from the river to the square enclosure of the Chinese "Kadasi," the two-storeyed houses with shops below, which make the only buildings at Tanom, except the resthouse and the two houses up the hill for the magistrate and his assistant. This ground presented a yet grayer scene than the river in the morning, and above fluttered lazily the flag of British North Borneo, a lion in the centre of a Union Jack.

At one side there was a little stunted bamboo "grand-stand" for the ladies. There are no white women at Tanom, but Malays and a few Chinese and Hindoes brightened the scene with silks and ruanlins, while two daintily dressed Japanese, with their feet in new white kid, walked on clove round the field under gorgeous umbrellas, accompanied by a well-bred Chow dog. The band of the Indian native police at Jesselton had travelled up-country for the occasion, and the manager of a tobacco estate, a railway engineer, and one or two minor officials had come as guests of the magistrate to help manage the sports.

"Sata; dua; ta-ga!" Off they go! There were flat races and oblique races over bamboo frames and under pinned tarpaulins, and through suspended barrels, there were egg and spoon races for the Moortas women, shy little creatures who kept together in a crowd under a camphor tree. Some of these had brought in from the forest tall narrow baskets of "damar," a resin got from about the roots of a tree, and this, as a monthly "tsmu" or market, they were converting into brass wire with the help of the Chinese shopmen.

The children were not forgotten in the sports, and in addition to the youngsters' races there were many races to be "muzzled for" in buckets of clothing. Many a brown-skinned young rascal did I see gasping for breath long after he had secured the silver prize. To me the wonderful part of the fête was the scene at night round the swinging platform the Moortas had built for the strange dances referred to at the beginning.

Loads of cooked buffalo-meat slung on bamboo poles had been sent to the native camps, as a much prized luxury, for the feasting, and outside the dancing platform, just under the shelter of the wider spreading roof of Neph palm were ranged many brown, green, and buff jars of tapi, the rice spirit. At one side there was a separate and fixed platform for privileged on-lookers, chiefs of tribes, and any of the Englishmen who cared to join them. The latter were each expected to drink tapi ceremonially with one of the chiefs, and I drank with Katam, a Tamagong Moortas, a chief from Amboi village. We stooped down one on each side of the great jar and drank, looking into each other's eyes. Two green bamboo shoots, as tubes to suck from, projected from the stink lid of the jar, and between these tubes a small green cross-piece floated in that part of the liquor above the loose stopper and showed the quantity withdrawn.

The dancing platform was shaped like a circular plate sloping down to the centre, and was held up in air by bunches of short poles leaning against one another like a stand of arms, and tied together at the meeting point by thongs of rattan. Outside, the moonlight was

shining brilliantly on palm and plantain, but under the vast gable-roof there was a gloom only somewhat relieved by six small lamps hanging against the supporting poles. The space between the side platform and the dancing platform in the centre was filled with a constantly moving crowd; there was the head chief of the Tanom district, and Gunsana, the chief who cut off the head of Matsah the rebel after he had been killed by a Maxim gun.

The platform sank towards the centre even without the weight of the dancers, and with them it sagged like a sheet with a load in the middle. Some Moortas squatting or perched along the edges of the dancing platform helped with their weight to keep it more horizontal.

The dancers chanted all the while, and each group changed after five or ten minutes with others from below. At times all the outside ring of dancers were women. The light fell upon the rich brown limbs, and every now and then a strange cry went up from all the crowd, including the people outside and all beneath the canopy of the roof, a strange noise, like the yelping of a pack of wolves.

A dozen square bottles of gin were brought in to the chief's platform to supplement the tapi. Hitherto the men and women in the dances had kept in concentric circles, moving like wheels upon a central hub. Now, however, they were springing up and down more and more violently, till they reached a frenzied climax, then quieted down, and descended from the platform, leaving it empty for others to take their places.

The new performers were all Pelans, and were those whose song was quoted at the beginning of the article. They included Tomani people and Brundon and Dulit people, for there are many tribes of Pelans. One of their songs celebrated the return after a head-hunting expedition, and another was a song of courting, in which the men, shoulder to shoulder, with their hand raised like the paws of baying dogs, circled round a knot of women in the centre praising their beauty.

Long after I had lain down to sleep that night I could hear the sound of revel and the squeak of the bamboo framework mingling with the chanting and all the other sounds.

Two days after, in one of the loveliest parts of the Peninsular Gorge, I was looking for crocodiles on the stretches of sand at the water's edge, when I saw the corpse of a dead Moortas, and in my recollection of those days, the sight mingles with the weird scene of the dance on the singing platform. Sometimes it is the rhythmic motion of the dancers that dominates, seen through the smoke of native pipes—smoke that curled in fantastic wreaths into the lofty roof of Neph palm—sometimes it is the form of that dead creature of the forest in the blazing sun or moon, seen through creepers that hung like cascades falling from tree-tops far up in the sky, with a butterfly floating on the air, a gorgeous "Brookiana" barred with intense red and vivid green.—A HUGH FISHER, in the Pall Mall Gazette.



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CHAPTER VII.

THE FESTIVAL OF TANNÔ MATSURI.
Next morning Merton noticed that the harbour was alive with gondola-like sampans freighted with gorgeously dressed damsels and young children, especially the latter, whose quaint costumes were ornamented with birds, dragons and other mythological monsters.

After breakfast he and the skipper went ashore to the English Settlement and soon learned that it was the opening day of Tanno Matsuri, or the festival of Tanno, the Japanese Neptune.

The native houses were decorated with coloured papers, lanterns and white silk flags emblematic with a rising sun and crossed in honour of the Mikado; and the grounds were crowded with boys and girls playing ball and battledore and bearing fans, banners and lanterns, while kites were soaring in every direction. Our friends also met a procession of children carrying huge boats made of basket work and large square-shaped lanterns dangling from the end of poles, besides other votive offerings intended for the god of the sea, to whose temple they were proceeding with much song and laughter, the while pausing at the various stalls to spend a few sen in kyo sweets and mochi cakes, or to watch the jugglers and acrobats which congregated by the hundreds in every Japanese city during these festive seasons.

Merton bought a fine lantern on a stick, and taking the hand of a chubby little Jap began stepping out with him at the tail end of the procession.

"Hullo!" cried the skipper, "going on the run-dan?"

"No," said Merton, "I'm going to pay my respects to old Joss Tanno."

"Then I just calculate that I shall come with you to old Joss Tanno," growled the skipper, "or you'll be coming home on a shutter."

Merton soon became very chummy with his newly-found friend, who was quite a chip of the old block, and by nods and signs they carried on a most animated conversation. The little fellow seemed delighted with this jocular foreigner who loaded him with sweets and all manner of trifles dear to the heart of a Japanese child; and, when he happened to meet a small friend of his, he would stop and with all the gravity and decorum of a grandfather go through an elaborate ceremonial, bobbing his little head and exchanging civilities with great gusto.

Then he and Merton would run on and join the procession, at the end of which, with a paper parasol spread over his head, solemnly trudged the Yankee skipper, who observed everything and kept up a running fire of comment. On one occasion he found himself in the midst of a dozen richas containing a party of geisha apparelled more gorgeously than butterflies.

"Well," he said, stroking his beard and pausing to admire them, "talk about Solomon and Lord George Sanger, they'd be nowhere here. This is what I call neat but not gaudy, as the devil said when he viewed the rainbow."

On they went through the native town, with its paste-board houses and Oriental smells, and then came to a hill covered with fir, elm, pine, larch and cedar trees, and gardens filled with fruits and flowers and vegetables—with melons, pears, oranges, persimmons and pomegranates in abundance, and with roses, lilacs, iris, azaleas, peonies and rhododendrons, the paths being lined with ferns, daisies, buttercups, blue violets and milk thistles, besides the ordinary weeds of an English roadside; while here and there quaint little shrines peeped out from among umbrageous foliage.

Suddenly the skipper's vigilant eye discerned three of the geisha who knew standing among some other girls outside rustic inn in front of which was a long row of cloth-covered saké kegs emblazoned with dragons.

"Hullo, there's my little chum!" he cried, leaving the procession and striding towards the girls, followed by Merton, who had at once taken leave of his little friend, who stood with his chubby fist full of money and his mouth full of candy, regretfully watching the departure of this good genius with the big toro lantern.

The three mousmies—who proved to be O Sae-san, O Sawa-san and O Seke-san—were evidently delighted at this unexpected rencontre and ran forward to meet their bold cavaliers.

They were dressed more brilliantly than ever. Their lips were deeply crimsoned, their cheeks well rouged and enamelled, and their elaborate coiffures bedecked with multi-ls blossoms, large kanazashi pins and combs of bronze and mother-of-pearl. O Sae-san was radiant in an apple-green kimono and light blue obi lined with crimson satin to match the inside of her sleeves, and there was a sweet musky odour of yoko about her garments. As usual, she quite monopolized Merton, so the skipper was left to chaperone her two companions, an office which he performed with becoming gallantry, taking one on each arm and conducting them, under the shade of his parasol, into the garden of the inn, where they congregated beneath the spreading foliage of a plum tree.

The ladies drank small quantities of the best Osaka saké, warm, and munched delicious white hot-water cakes; and the gentlemen smoked and regaled themselves with bieri—saké, or Yokohama-made lager beer, while a fair toki-wona of the strolling minstrel class came and discoursed sweet selections on the samisen.

From the direction of the inn an unpleasant effluvia of cooking and sesame oil was wafted to the nose of those beneath the plum tree, and at length the skipper became uneasy under the infliction.

"Look here, Mr. Merton," he said seriously, "as we haven't got a Japanese dictionary of double-shotted diplomatic phrases calculated to kill a Japanese cook at a hundred yards, and as it would be a real pity to deprive the public of such savoury odours and appetizing smells, I guess we might just as well move on up the mountain and take our interpreters with us."

This proposal found favour, and they left the inn, the geisha guiding them to where several single and double richas were waiting. Into one of the latter Merton and his lady-love squeezed themselves, and the other two girls occupied a similar conveyance, the skipper bringing up the rear in a single richa which was hardly roomy enough to accommodate his long body, so his legs were thrust out over the splash-board.

Over well-timbered hills and through beautiful dales their human horses or kuruma-ya as they are called in Japan, bravely toiled at a steady jog-trot which was varied by occasional gallops when going down an incline. The scenery was diversified and magnificent, and now and again glimpses of the harbour and its shipping were obtained through vistas in the dense foliage or when skirting the hillside by narrow tortuous paths.

Presently the richas rattled into a broad thoroughfare and drew up before an imposing arched gateway through which numbers of people were passing. Here they alighted and the ladies led them up several flights of stone steps to the temple of O Sawa, or the Bronze Horse, with its moss-grown roofs of shaké and its curved shrines enhanced by the sitting forms of white-robed priests and adorned with rich

sculptures and treasured mementoes of bygone dynasties. Who, after once visiting beautiful O Sawa, can ever forget its sacred groves and fairy-like gardens and its romantic tea-house where the faintest of doll-like mousmies would gladden the stranger with their sweet engaging ways?

After wandering about for some time they passed through a fine torii, and traversing a path hedged on either side with the choicest palms and flowers entered a spacious garden of the willow-pattern type, having ornamental waters bespangled with the sacred lotus and spanned by horse shoe bridges; miniature hills and mountains crowned with temples and pagodas; fern-covered rocks with stunted trees and splashing cascades; small flights of marble steps leading into the air of stone fountains and still stranger beasts; and artistic terraces decorated with daimio lanterns and planted with firs and maples cut into grotesque shapes, beside flowers of every description, including roses, lilies, iris, daffodils and pink and scarlet azaleas.

While the skipper and the two mousmies with him paused beneath the shade of a splendid cabbage-tree to regale themselves with cakes and straw-coloured tea in tiny cups, O Sae-san drew Merton aside into an arbour covered with clematis and purple wistaria. Here they seated themselves upon a wooden bench in front of which was a small square table.

O Sae-san kicked off her sandals and tucking her feet under her on the seat shook out of her sleeve an embroidered moko case, a tobacco pouch and a small mono or metal-lined casket of polished wood containing a few live embers of charcoal.

Filling the thumb-like bowl of her kiseru with a pinch of tobacco she lighted it from the charcoal and, taking a few whiffs tapped it against the mono and, holding it meditatively smoked for a minute or two, while Merton enjoyed a cigarette and watched her every movement with silent amusement. Then she put her smoking utensils away and carefully rubbed her lips with some rouge taken from a small bronze box also carried in her sleeve, she sidled close to him and with a sigh of ennuï laid her head against his arm.

"I love," she cooed, screwing herself up with childish contentment. "You love?" "Yes I love," he responded apathetically, his thoughts being elsewhere.

She suddenly drew herself from him and turning round closely scrutinized his face. He smiled and carelessly plucked her chin, but she was not satisfied and putting her lips moved away to the end of the seat and began turning her her samisen.

Merton now observed that they were being watched by a strange-looking man of French appearance who kept hovering about near the arbour and glancing towards them. He was tall and bony with thick black hair and black piercing eyes and had a long cadaverous face pear-like in shape and tapering from a singularly broad and lofty forehead to a pointed beard which was surmounted by thin straight moustaches slightly curling at the ends. He wore clerical-looking clothes and a black felt wide-awake hat.

Seeing that his movements were noticed, he suddenly came into the arbour and seating himself opposite O Sae-san leaned over the table and addressed her in Japanese, speaking in an eager excited manner and repeatedly mentioning O Uena-san's name.

Then he turned abruptly to Merton and with a quick gesture pointed to O Sae-san.

"This is my friend, sir," he said, speaking with a French accent and looking a veritable Morpheus as he smiled insidiously.

"Then, sir," said Merton curiously, "I will not deprive you of her company."

Rising from the seat he left the arbour, feeling indignant at this impudent intrusion. He had only gone a few steps, however, when O Sae-san came running after him and impulsively clutched his arm.

"No good; had man." She ejaculated with a shiver of aversion, glancing behind her.

Merton stopped and looked back, but the mysterious stranger had disappeared. He now tried to interrogate O Sae-san concerning this "friend" of hers, but could not make her understand, though he contrived to gather from her that the man had been to Nagasaki once before and was feared and disliked by the geisha and that his object in speaking to her had been to learn about O Uena-san.

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It was a novel and inspiring sight, these glad some good-natured people in their gay attire, with the glimmering lights of their many-coloured lanterns bobbing about among the variegated foliage, the spiked and fanlike leaves of which were clearly silhouetted against the pale brilliant sky. Down through the hills to the valley steamed a flood of opaline light which flowed loud with the mirth and music of this joyous multitude.

As each carried a Chinese or Japanese lantern, Merton and his lady friends contributed their quota to the illuminations; while the skipper and his paper parasol added colour and dignity to the scene.

On arriving at the geisha's house they were met at the gate by O Hana-san, who with the other girls persuaded the gentlemen to enter and partake of some slight refreshment before returning to the yacht. The invitation was accepted, and Merton and the skipper soon found themselves squatting upon the white-matted floor eating rice, fish and cakes with these sweet mousmies.

Ever since meeting that mysterious foreigner, Merton's mind had been uneasy about Uena, and he now casually inquired after her. He was thus struck when O Hana-san informed him that she had left Nagasaki.

"Left Nagasaki!" he exclaimed with evident concern. "Where has she gone?"

"I think she goes Yokohama," replied O Hana-san.

"Hullo!" said the skipper with a look of shrewd suspicion; "another link to the cable?"

"Confound it!" frowned Merton "can't you house your wit for a while?"

The girls tittered among themselves, and O Sae-san looked wistfully around from one to another, eagerly scanning their faces as if trying to read their thoughts.

Then she darted a glance full of jealousy at Merton. But he was too agitated to pay any heed to such trivialities and soon found an excuse for returning to the yacht.

Perhaps remembering the incident in the arbour when she had made her childish confession of love, O Sae-san instinctively divined the cause of his sudden dejection and seemed to feel cruelly slighted. She looked so pitifully woe-begone that when the other mousmies were accompanying him and the skipper down to the beach and the hanging back in the rear, he went to her and in a kindly brotherly manner drew her little arm into his and tried to make every reparation. But she broke away from him with a choking sob rushed back indoors.

He followed her into the house, which was now in darkness except where the moonlight streamed in through window or doorway. Turning into the room they had just vacated, he found her lying face downward upon the floor and she was sobbing as if her heart would break. He gently lifted her up and kissed her forehead; but she struggled bravely and beat her breast, so that he heard the girls and the skipper coming to look for him.

"Go! go!" she panted, tearing herself from his embrace and again throwing herself upon the ground.

The other girls were already upon the verandah. He stood for a moment full of remorse, sympathy and irresolution. He felt the soft impeachment most acutely, but could do nothing to mend matters, and he drew a scene. So he reluctantly slunk away.

"Poor little dear," he thought to himself. "Who would have thought it? I have been a brute! I never dreamed of anything serious."

But his remorseful reverie was rudely interrupted by the skipper.

"Hullo, Mr. Merton," he said sympathetically. "I thought you had hung your hat up somewhere, and had gone to find it. Lovely moonlight night, isn't it?"

"Yes, lovely night," said Merton disinterestedly, joining the ladies and making a dismal effort to appear cheerful.

They now went down to the beach and the skipper hailed the yacht. In response, the four-crested gig was immediately sent ashore, and our friends took leave of the ladies and returned to the vessel.

Shortly after midnight the Far Cathay weighed anchor and steamed down the harbour with the outgoing tide, bound for Yokohama. Merton peered the quarter-deck in moody silence, and the imperturbable skipper perched himself upon the topgallant rail, and, while watching the progress of the vessel, sentimentally hummed an antiquated song:

"My own Blue Bell! my pretty Blue Bell,
I never will rove where Roses dwell.
My wings you view of your own bright blue
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LONDON VIA SWAN PORTS	ARCADIA	Noon, 18th Feb.	See Special of Call
LONDON and ANTWERP	CANDIA	About 22nd Feb.	Freight only
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	Capt. W. R. Hickey		Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, PALAWAN, and YOKOHAMA	MARMORA	About 24th Feb.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	Capt. G. H. C. Wester	About 3rd Mar.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON and ANTWERP	SYRIA	About 8th Mar.	Freight and Passage.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	Capt. D. C. Gregor, R.N.R.		Passage.

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1911.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 18th Feb., 11 P.M.
MANILA & SYDNEY	"TAIYUAN"	On 21st Feb., 4 P.M.
MANILA, LOILO & CEBU	"TAMING"	On 21st Feb., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 23rd Feb., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURSDAY, ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	On 24th Feb., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 25th Feb., 11 P.M.
MANILA, LOILO & CEBU	"TEAN"	On 28th Feb., 4 P.M.

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 18th Feb., 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	"WOSANG"	Sunday, 19th Feb., 11 P.M.
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Friday, 24th Feb., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALUTTA	"YAMSANG"	Saturday, 25th Feb., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 25th Feb., Noon.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
FOR SINGAPORE, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:		
S.S. PREUSSEN	27th Feb.	
S.S. RHEINFELS	12th March	
S.S. SENEGAMBIA	22nd March	
S.S. SUEVIA	7th April	
S.S. BAYERN	20th April	
S.S. ARABIA	3rd May	

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HOMEWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
FOR MARSEILLES, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:		
S.S. SAXONIA	24th Feb.	
FOR BREMEN & HAMBURG:		
S.S. SPESIA	1st March	
FOR ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:		
S.S. LIBERIA	5th March	
FOR HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:		
S.S. SAMBIA	10th March	
FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG:		
S.S. SILESIA	14th March	
FOR HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:		
S.S. PREUSSEN	24th March	

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STEAMSHIPS	CAPTAIN	LEAVING.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	WED'DAY, 22nd Feb., at 8 A.M.
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	FRIDAY, 24th Feb., at 11 A.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

STEAMSHIPS	CAPTAIN	LEAVING.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	SUNDAY, 19th Feb., at 11 A.M.
"HAIMUN"	Capt. A. H. Stewart	TUESDAY, 21st Feb., at 11 A.M.

* The s.s. "Haitan" will not call at Swatow.
Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).
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Hongkong, 18th February, 1911.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG— SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	WAKASA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen	7,000	SUNDAY, 26th February.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE	KITANO MARU Capt. E. Cope	9,000	WED'DAY, 1st March, at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and YOKOHAMA	IYO MARU Capt. R. Takeda	7,000	WED'DAY, 15th March, at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. J. Nagao	7,000	SATURDAY, 25th Mar., from Kobe
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	AWA MARU Capt. S. Ishikawa	7,000	TUESDAY, 28th Feb., at Noon
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU Capt. K. Kawara	7,300	TUESDAY, 28th March, at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	FRIDAY, 17th Mar., at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	FRIDAY, 14th April, at Noon
	COLOMBO MARU Capt. E. Combes	5,000	TUESDAY, 28th February
	TANGO MARU Capt. A. Christensen	8,000	THURSDAY, 2nd Mar., at 11 A.M.
	CHYRON MARU Capt. Fred. Pynes	6,000	MONDAY, 6th March
	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	WED'DAY, 15th Mar., at Noon

* Omitting Penang and Calling at Genoa.
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PASSENGER SEASON, 1911.

SAILINGS AND PASSAGE RATES FROM HONGKONG.

Steamers.	Tons.	Leave H.K.	To London, per New Steamer	1st Class	2nd Class
MIYASAKI MARU	9000	15th Feb.		Y 550.00	E 825.00
KITANO	9000	1st Mar.		"	"
IYO	7000	15th "		"	"
HIRANO	9000	29th "		"	"
TANGO	8000	12th April		"	"
KAMO	9000	26th "		"	"
AKI	7000	10th May		"	"
MISHIMA	9000	24th "		"	"
				2nd Class	R 330.00
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STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES.
KOREA	18,000	FRIDAY, 10th March, at 1 P.M.
SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 24th March, at 1 P.M.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 8th April, at 1 P.M.
MONGOLIA	18,000	SATURDAY, 29th April, at 1 P.M.
KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY, 27th May, at 1 P.M.
SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 9th June, at 1 P.M.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 24th June, at 1 P.M.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 15th July, at 1 P.M.

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THE P.M. S.S. "KOREA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 10th March, at 1 P.M.

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PERSIA	9,000 Tons	FRIDAY, 3rd March, at 1 P.M.
CHINA	10,200 Tons	FRIDAY, 31st March, at 1 P.M.
ASIA	9,500 Tons	SATURDAY, 1st April, at 1 P.M.

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STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bent	FRIDAY, Feb. 24th, 1 P.M.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, Mar. 17th, 1 P.M.
CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Greene	FRIDAY, April 14th, 1 P.M.
AMERICA MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, May 5th, 1 P.M.

All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Offices.
THE Twin Screw Steamer "TENYO MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 24th February, at 1 P.M.

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STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
KIYO MARU	17,500	H. Nishi	TUESDAY, Feb. 21st, 1 P.M.
BUYO MARU	10,500	K. Hashimoto	WED'DAY, April 19th, 1 P.M.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	H. Hinokuma	SATURDAY, June 17th, 1 P.M.

THE Steamer "KIYO MARU" will be despatched for MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO, SALINA CRUZ, CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO and CORONEL on TUESDAY, 21st February, at 1 P.M.

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TAMSUI via SWATOW, & AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 19th Feb., at 10 A.M.

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SIBERIAN MAILS.—On account of prevalence of plague in Manchuria, the Mails via Siberia are considerably delayed. The Public are recommended not to use this route for transmission of correspondence until normal conditions prevail. There is only a weekly service between Shanghai and Dally, leaving Shanghai on Fridays.

The *Empress of Japan*, with the Canadian Mail, left Shanghai, on Thursday, the 16th inst., at 2 a.m., and may be expected here to-day at 8 a.m.

FOR	FEE	DATE
Fort Bayard	Switcheong	Saturday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Switcheong	Saturday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Yorocart	Saturday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
Moji	Fukui Maru	Saturday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via TATTOON		Saturday, 18th,
(Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
The Parcel mail will be closed to-day at 5 p.m.		
Manila	Yuensang	Saturday, 18th, 1.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Saturday, 18th, 1.15 P.M.
Hongkong	Daying	Saturday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Wosang	Saturday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chenan	Saturday, 18th,
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE		
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Daijin Maru	Sunday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Hastan	Sunday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Dali	Johanne	Monday, 20th, 8.00 A.M.
Amoy and Shanghai	Tippasas	Monday, 20th, 1.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Monday, 20th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Rubi	Monday, 20th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow	Hastan	Tuesday, 21st, 10.00 A.M.
Samarang and Sourabaya	Clara Jensen	Tuesday, 21st, 11.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, Manzanillo, Salina Cruz, Callao, Iquique, Valparaiso and Caravel	Kiyo Maru	Tuesday, 21st, Noon
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Catherine Apcar	Tuesday, 21st, 2.00 P.M.
Manila and Sydney	Taiyuan	Tuesday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Manila Iloilo and Cebu	Tanning	Tuesday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma	Tacoma Maru	Tuesday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tuesday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
Europe, &c., India via TATTOON		Wednesday, 22nd,
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Shanghai	Linan	Thursday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Tientsin	Chen, shing	Friday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

February 17th.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	199
Bank Bills, on demand	199
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	199
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	199
Credits, at 4 months' sight	199
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	199
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Bank Bills, on demand	223
Credits, at 4 months' sight	227
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand	181
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	43
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On demand	75
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand	106
ON HAIKONG.—	
On demand	14
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On demand	57
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand	11.25
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	11.25
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	158.20
HAR Silver, per oz.	23

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Hongkong	20	88.64
Hongkong	10	88.92

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$915, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	27	26	\$80, buyers
Bank of Communications, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$8, sellers
China Bank, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$104, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, buyers
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, buyers
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 85.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$51, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 51.
Laon-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 23.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$5	\$18, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.				
Hongkong & Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$52, buyers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$56.
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	\$63	\$6.
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 67.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100.
Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$5, buyers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$3.
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$32.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$22, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$105.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$64.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	5,000	\$10	all	\$170.
Hongkong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$18, x d.
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$175.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$50	\$120, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$53.33	\$25	\$87.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$365, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 151, sales
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$225, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$205, sales
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$96, sellers
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$63, x div.
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$34, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 97, x div.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$45, sales
MINING.—				
Société Française des Charbon de Tonkin	16,000	Pes. 250	all	\$700.
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$3.
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$13.
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$14, sellers
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$107, buyers
Lezon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$16, buyers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50.
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$84.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$19.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$31, sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	25	all	56, bn, 1/25.7.6.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000, def.	\$1	\$1	90, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$23.
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$12.
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$25, sellers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10, buyers
Wan. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$2.
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$3, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,300	\$10	\$10	\$12, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$4, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ord.	\$10	\$10	\$11, buyers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$300.
RUBBER.—				
Para Rubber in London				6 1/2 per lb.

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

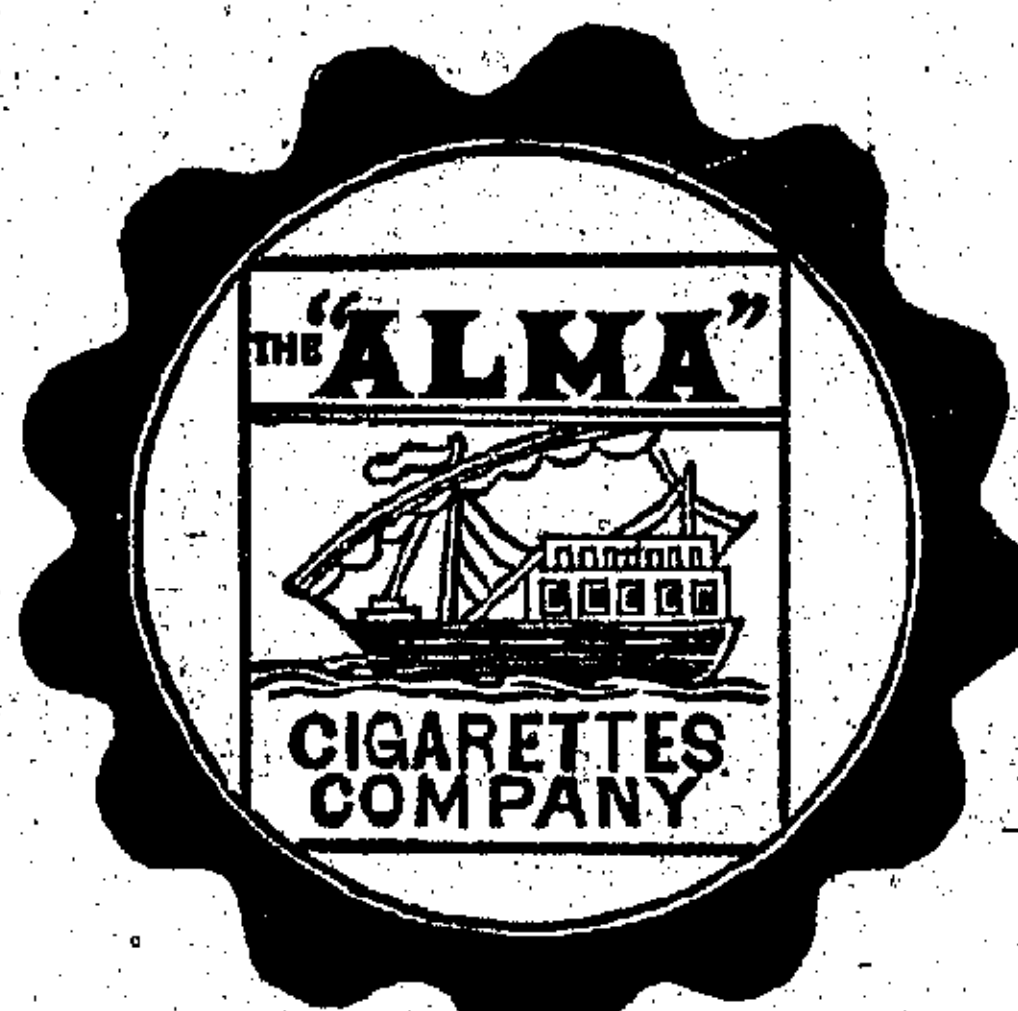
HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.
From February 18th to 24th, 1911.

Days of Week.	Day of Month.	H'kong Mean Time.	Height.	H'kong Mean Time.	Height.
Sat.	18	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sun.	19	0 09	5 2	6 29	3 0
Mon.	20	0 39	5 1	6 45	2 4
Tues.	21	1 26	5 3	7 30	3 2
Wed.	22	1 24	4 5	7 12	2 8
Thurs.	23	2 13	5 4	7 37	3 3
Fri.	24	3 11	5 5	11 2	3 1
		4 13	5 6	7 59	3 5
		5 13	5 9	0 24	2 7
		no inferior high	no low water.		
		6 5	5 9	1 9	2 2
		no inferior high	no low water.		

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Previous Day.	On Date On Feb. 17th.	At 4 p.m.	At 10 a.m.	At 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.14	30.27	30.17	
Temperature	62	61	61	
Humidity	70	71	71	
Wind Direction	E	East	E	
Force	4	1	3	
Weather	o	o	o	
Rain	—	—	—	
Highest open air Temperature on 16th.	64			
Lowest open air Temperature on 16th.	59			

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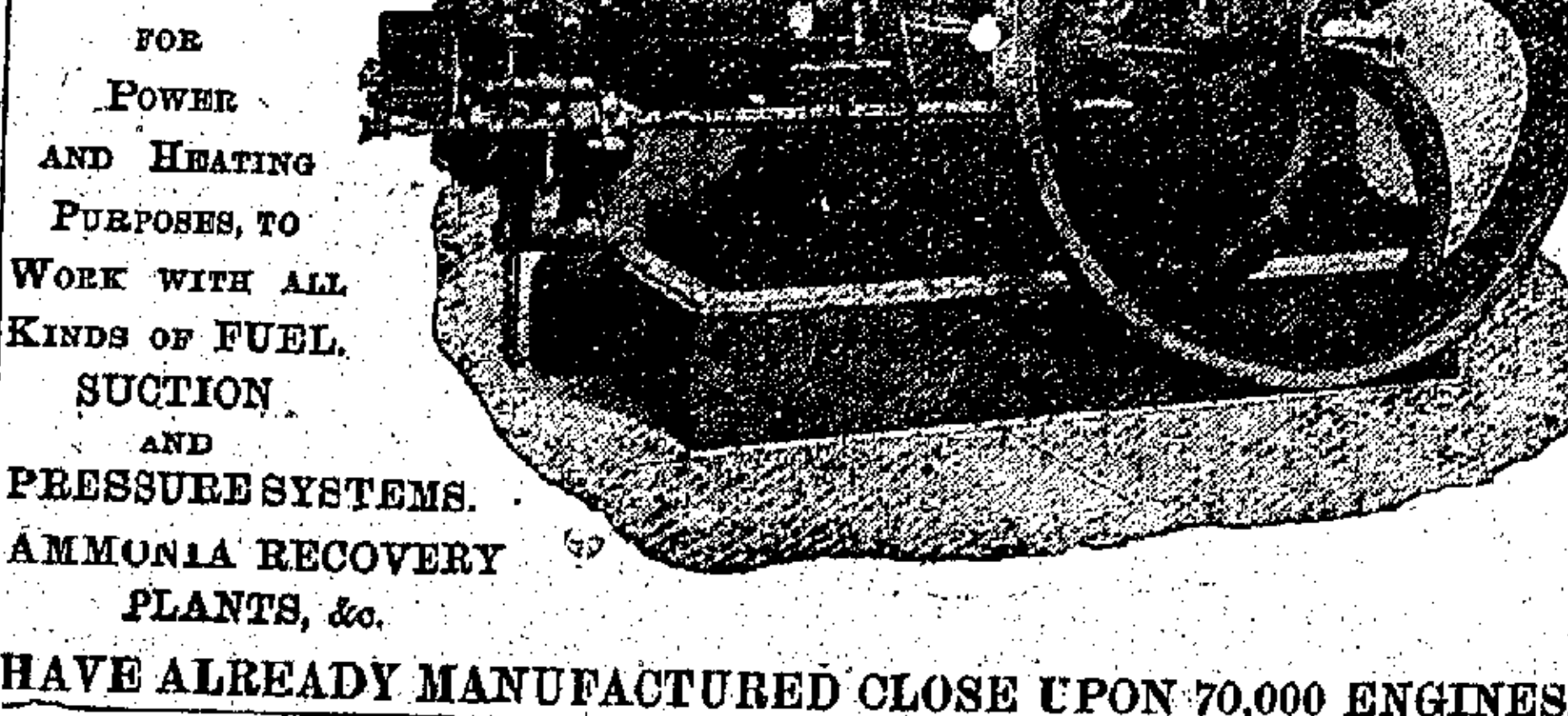
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THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. Co.'s str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at midnight on the 15th inst., and left again at 2 a.m. next day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. to-day.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China str. *Kuangsang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst.
The Indo-China str. *Fausang* left Calcutta for the Straits and Hongkong on the 9th inst., and is due here on or about the 25th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Prinzess Alice*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 25th ultimo, left Colombo on the 12th inst., at p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. S.S. Co.'s str. *Korea* from San Francisco left Yokohama on the 15th inst., en route to Hongkong, and is due to arrive at this port on the 25th inst.
The P. M. S.S. Co.'s str. *Siberia* sailed from San Francisco on the 15th inst. for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at this port on the 14th prox.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The Swedish str. *Yedda* left Sabang on the 7th inst., and may be expected here to-day.
The N.Y.K. str. *Asa Maru* (American Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai on the 10th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.
The "Ben" Line str. *Bendora* from Middebro, Antwerp and London left Singapore on the 10th inst. for Hongkong.
The Mogul Line str. *Montrose* sailed from United Kingdom on the 4th inst. for Hongkong via Straits.
The A. A. S.S. Co.'s str. *Albenga* from New York to Hongkong direct passed the Canal on the 24th ultimo, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 20th inst.
The str. *Glenferry* from Antwerp and London passed the Canal on the 24th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst.
The Mogul Line str. *Ghazal* from United Kingdom left Singapore on the 15th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on or about the 21st inst.
The O.S.K. str. *Seattle Maru* left Tacoma, Wash., for this port via Japan and Manila on the 4th inst., and is due here on the 12th prox.
The str. *Glenstrath* passed the Suez Canal on the 14th inst., and is due here on or about 20th prox.

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TO-DAY	TO-MORROW
2 P.M.—Race Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, at Happy Valley.	9 P.M.—Harmston's Circus at Causeway Bay.
9.15 P.M.—Henry Dallas' Theatre, at Theatre Royal.	
FORTHCOMING EVENTS.	
Tuesday 21st Feb.—Auction of Cotton at Godown No. 18 of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, by Mr. G. P. Lamont, 11 A.M.	
Tuesday, 21st Feb.—Eighty-Ninth Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of H.K. C. M. Steamboat Co., Ltd., 8 P.M.	
Saturday, 25th Feb.—Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at City Hall, Noon.	
Saturday, 25th Feb.—Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., 12.30 P.M.	
Monday, 27th Feb.—Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Noon.	
Tuesday, 28th Feb.—The Thirtieth Ordinary Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., Noon.	
Wednesday and Thursday, 1st and 2nd March.—Annual Show of Hongkong Horticultural Society, in the Botanic Gardens.	
Saturday, 4th March.—Twenty-fourth Meeting of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the Office of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 P.M.	
Thursday, 9th March.—Forty-Second Meeting of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Noon.	
Friday, 10th March.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 12.15 P.M.	

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Malwa Old	\$2,540/2,560
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Benares New	\$2,620
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